

Oral Health Criteria #3

Include oral health as a topic at an assembly.



Definition: At an assembly you can teach students what oral health is and why it is important. You can use ideas from the websites listed below. Keep in mind that dental hygiene students in your area are available to come to your assembly, do a play, and/or teach the kids. They'll even bring their big giant toothbrush!

Resources

UDOH Oral Health Program

www.health.utah.gov/oralhealth

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ADA Animations, Games and Puzzles www.ada.org

ADHA activities www.adha.org

Oral-B Teaching Tools Lesson Plans <http://www.oralb.com/us/learningcenter/teaching/>

Crest Classroom Activities http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/oral_care/

Bright Futures in Practice: Oral Health
www.brightfutures.org/oralhealth/index.html

No Cavities Clubhouse
<http://www.colgate.com/app/Kids-World/US/HomePage.cvsp>

Open Wide and Trek Inside
www.science.education.nih.gov/supplements/nih2/oral-health/default.htm



Assignments

School Coordinator Assignments

- Determine date of assembly
- Help plan the assembly
- Contact dental hygienist students if necessary
- Local dental hygiene programs include:
 - Dixie State College Dental Hygiene Program 435-879-4905
 - Salt Lake Community College Dental Hygiene Program 801-957-2710
 - Utah College of Dental Hygiene 801-226-1081
 - Utah Valley State College Dental Hygiene Program 801-863-7536
 - Weber State University Dental Hygiene Program 801-626-6130

Oral Health #3 Ideas

- Invite students from your local dental hygienist program to come to your assembly. They perform fun plays all over Utah
 - These students already have lots of fun ways to teach kids about keeping your teeth clean and healthy. They even use their giant tooth and giant toothbrush.
 - They'll teach the school about flossing, fluoride, brushing, when to change your toothbrush, and how dental decay is the #1 chronic childhood disease.
- See if a local dentist office will donate toothbrushes or samples of toothpaste
 - Invite the dentist to speak on oral health
- Contact Crest for student kits
 - http://www.crest.com/crest_kids/forTeachers.jsp